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SUBJECT: FOOTWEAR OMA: ALLEGED CIRCUMVENTION

1. IT HAS COME TO USG ATTENTION THAT POONG YOUNG CHEMICAL COMPANY HAS INFORMED A U.S. FIRM THAT SINCE POONG YOUNG'S QUOTA ALLOCATION WOULD ONLY UTILIZE ONE THIRD OF ITS CAPACITY, FOR EACH PAIR OF QUOTA SHOES ORDERED POONG YOUNG WOULD REQUIRE AT LEAST TWO PAIRS OF NON QUOTA SHOES PREFERABLY THOSE SUBJECT TO ASP. POONG YOUNG FURTHER INFORMED THE U.S. FIRM THAT THIS WAS THE POLICY WHICH ALL KOREAN FACTORIES HAD PUT INTO EFFECT TO ASSURE A BALANCE OF BUSINESS IN THEIR FACTORIES. HOWEVER THIS STATEMENT COULD NOT BE VERIFIED BY THE U.S. FIRM.

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2. DURING LANDE/ASCHER/GREGORY CALL ON MINISTER KIM,
ASSURANCES WERE RECEIVED THAT THIS PRACTICE WOULD NOT OCCUR.
THEREFORE, PLEASE APPROACH APPROPRIATE KOREAN GOVERNMENT
OFFICIALS TO DETERMINE IF PRACTICE IS CONTINUING AND IF
SO, TO REQUEST THAT TERMINATION OF THIS OR SIMILAR
PRACTICES. IT IS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT TO REMOVE THIS
IRRITANT IN VIEW OF RECENT LIBERALIZATION IN KOREAN OMA

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